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SUBJECT: ICELAND-UK FISHERIES DISPUTE: COAST GUARD CHARGES NEW RAMMINGS

1. RADIO NEW AT 1600 FEBRUARY 24 PROVIDED ICELANDIC COAST GUARD VERSION OF COLLISIONS BETWEEN ICELANDIC AND UK VESSELS EARLIER IN DAY AND PLACED BLAME SQUARELY ON BRITISH. COAST GUARD ACCOUNT SAID BRITISH FRIGATE RAMMED CUTTER THOR FOUR TIMES, SERIOUSLY DAMAGING ICELANDIC VESSEL. WHEN SECOND COAST GUARD SHIP SOUGHT TO ASSIST THOR, IT WAS INTERCEPTED BY ANOTHER UK WARSHIP ANDSALSO RAMMED DESPITE ITS ANNOUNCEMENT THAT IT WAS ONLY AIDING SISTER SHIP. INCIDENT OCCURRED 3 1/2 MILES FROM NEAREST BRITISH UNCLASSIFIED

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TRAWLER, ACCORDING TO COAST GUARD ACCOUNT, AND MOREOVER,

ICELANDIC VESSELS WERE HEADED IN OPPOSITE DIRECTION AT TIME.

2. RAMMINGS WERE FIRST SINCE BREAK IN DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, ALTHOUGH THERE HAVE BEEN SEVERAL ALLEGED ATTEMPTED RAMMINGS BY UK VESSELS IN PAST DAY OR TWO.

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